

*Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) released the following statement celebrating the 62nd anniversary of Israel's Independence Day:*

"I am proud today to join the people of Israel in celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Day of Independence, and 62 years of defending freedom in the Middle East.

Born out of the wake of one of the greatest human tragedies in our shared history, the State of Israel has been a true friend and trusted ally to the United States, and a beacon of democracy for over six decades. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Israel the most prosperous of anniversaries, and will continue to serve as a vocal advocate for the special relationship between our two countries."